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SUBJECT: PARAGUAYAN FOREIGN MINISTER CALLS ON ASSISTANT
SECRETARY KUBISCH

1. PARAGUAYAN FOREIGN MINISTER SAPENA PASTOR, ACCOMPANIED
BY AMBASSADOR SOLANO LOPEZ, MADE BRIEF COURTESY CALL ON
ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH WEDNESDAY, MAY 30. SAPENA
STATED THAT GOP APPRECIATES U. S. FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE IT HAS RECEIVED. PARAGUAY IS A SMALL, POOR
COUNTRY DEDICATED TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
AND NEEDS HELP. HE NOTED THAT THE ITAIPU HYDROELECTRIC
PROJECT WOULD RESULT IN CONSIDERABLE FINANCIAL BENEFIT
IN THE FUTURE TO PARAGUAY. IN A REVIEW OF THE PROJECT,
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HE COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON THE GENEROSITY OF THE GOB AND ITS SPEEDY AND SKILLFUL NEGOTIATIONS. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL WILL ARRANGE ALL FOREIGN BORROWING, GUARANTEE REPAYMENT WITHOUT RECOURSE TO PARAGUAY, AND HAVE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXCHANGE CONVERTIBILITY. APART FROM FINANCIAL BENEFITS TO PARAGUAY, SAPENA SAID THAT 10,000 NEW JOBS WOULD BE CREATED FOR PARAGUAY AND THAT A NEW PARAGUAYAN CITY WOULD EMERGE AT THE SITE OF THE PROJECT. IN PASSING, HE SAID THAT ONLY THE SOVIET UNION PRODUCES GENERATORS OF THE SIZE NEEDED FOR THIS PROJECT.

2. IN CONTRAST TO HIS FAVORABLE REMARKS ABOUT THE

BRAZILIANS, SAPENA SAID THAT THE ARGENTINES WERE SLOW IN NEGOTIATING OTHER HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS WITH PARAGUAY AND ALSO WERE UNFAIRLY SEEKING TO DELAY THE ITAIPU PROJECT. HIS VIEW IS THAT ARGENTINA HAS GEO- POLITICAL CONCERNS ABOUT SUSTAINED BRAZILIAN ECONOMIC GROWTH AND WOULD ALSO LIKE TO UTILIZE BRAZIL' S INTERNATIONAL CREDIT STANDING BY PROPOSING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE DAM INSTEAD OF THE ITAIPU, CORPUS, AND YACYRETA- APIPE PROJECTS. SAPENA PASTOR SAID THAT HE HOPES PERON WILL RETURN TO ARGENTINA PERMANENTLY. HE THINKS THAT PERON' S PRESENCE IN ARGENTINA IS A GUARANTEE OF RESTRAINT ON ANY PERONISTS WHO MIGHT WISH TO TAKE NEGATIVE ACTIONS TOWARD PARAGUAY BECAUSE PERON IS INDEBTED TO PARAGUAY FOR SAVING HIM AFTER HIS OVERTHROW IN 1955.

3. THE FOREIGN MINISTER CONCLUDED HIS CALL BY COMPLIMENTING AMBASSADOR LANDAU BECAUSE OF THE SKILL HE HAS DISPLAYED IN THE DIPLOMATIC PROFESSION AND BECAUSE HE HAS SHOWN A SINCERE INTEREST IN AND LIKING FOR PARAGUAY.
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